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I have the honour to be, Sir, your
most obedient servant,

J. HENTHORN, Sec.

D. HERVEY, M.D.
&c. &c. &c.

*Copy a Letter from Lieutenant-General
Sir James Cradock, to the Earl of
Liverpool.*

Government-House, Cape-Town,
10th June, 1812.

MY LORD,

I HAVE great satisfaction in informing your Lordship, that I consider the small-pox, that lately alarmed us so much in this colony, to be nearly at an end: an instance now and then may yet occur, where the individual has been deceived, or withheld himself from vaccination; but it cannot have bad consequences, as the whole mass of the population has undergone the operation. Upon this apparent conclusion to an evil of such apprehended magnitude, I cannot but express, that all the civil and medical persons have shown the greatest attention and zeal, and that the exertions of His Majesty's Fiscal have been most ample and conspicuous.

I have the honour to be, &c.

J. CRADOCK.

The EARL of LIVERPOOL,
&c. &c. &c.

*Extract from a Letter from William
Hussey, M.D. dated Cape of Good
Hope, 1st. September, 1812.*

It is not meant here to enter into a full detail of every minute circumstance which took place, but only to mark the general result of the prophylactic powers of the vaccine lymph, and the extensive benefits which this town and colony are now in the enjoyment of, from the unrestrained application (aided in a most especial manner, through the anxious and paternal solicitude of their present ruler Sir J. F. Cradock,

by the protecting hand of government, and seconded by the active and unremitting zeal of the municipal authority) of that principle which Dr. Jenner first proclaimed to the world, and thereby conferred upon it one of the greatest and most extensive blessings it was capable of receiving, that of obviating a disease equally loathsome in its progress, and destructive in its character; the lamentable effects of which, where they do not extend to death, are but too frequently observable throughout life, in the excessive violence committed, both on the persons and on the constitutions of those individuals who have unhappily been thus exposed to the severity of its action.

I have already said that the Small Pox could not have appeared in a more aggravated form than on this occasion, nor have been under circumstances more congenial to its diffusion, or inveterate malignity since the class of society first exposed to it was that of slaves and people of colour, crowded together in close and ill-ventilated dwellings, and incapable by long habit of being rendered sensible of any advantages possible to be derived either from personal or domestic cleanliness. Against such a combination of disadvantages thus accruing from causes equally inevitable and unalterable, in a climate whose temperature was also peculiarly conducive to augment the evil, the most active efforts of wide-spread vaccination were in a short time opposed with success; whilst, after a most anxious period of trial and exertion, it has been clearly and distinctly evinced, that in less than four months, by the regular and systematic operation of vaccination alone, confined only by the limits of population, this hitherto so much and so justly dreaded pestilence has been completely sub-